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Woo-shik Kim et al.) Group Art Unit: 2624
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For: IMAGE CODING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING SPATIAL PREDICTIVE CODING OF CHROMINANCE AND IMAGE DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS)))))

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated February 20, 2007, Applicants elect Species I, including FIGS. 3A and 4A, for examination at this time. Applicants submit that claims 1-10, 21-30, 33-43 and 54-62, directed to an embodiment of coding and decoding of an image by spatial prediction, read on Species I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-10, 21-30, 33-43 and 54-62 be concurrently examined.

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In the event that there are any questions concerning this paper, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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